

## ***At Hendon*** ***on Saturday***

# **Morale shattering defeat**

**Hendon 6,  
Wycombe Wanderers 0.**

**ONLY 48-HOURS** before their crucial Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final, Wycombe Wanderers suffered a morale shattering blow when they crashed to their heaviest defeat of the season.

Hendon's all-round mobility continually upset the Wycombe defence. Their direct and quick raiding forwards ripped the brittle Wanderers' rearguard apart, and Hendon looked most dangerous when breaking deep from inside their own territory.

After receiving a knock on an ankle in the reserves' win over Seer Green the previous day, Stuart Thompson was rested and Keith Samuels moved back to fill the gap, with Steve Holmes coming into the front line.

The majority of Wanderers' troubles stemmed from the fact that both wing-halves, Baker and Samuels, were often caught too far upfield when Hendon broke. The Wycombe defence was under extra pressure — Vince Faulkner starting with his right leg strapped and this appeared to hinder his turning.

It took Hendon only 14 minutes to establish a lead as Drabwell slipped between Samuels and Gale before hitting his shot under Maskell. A minute before the break, Harding latched on to a through pass to put Hendon further ahead.

### **QUIET AFTERNOON**

In the first period Wycombe's forwards combined in some attractive approach work outside the 18-yard box but Hendon's Gt. Britain goalkeeper, John Swannell, was hardly called into action.

Sleap added Hendon's third in the 54th minute with a fierce drive and centre-half Ashworth moved up to head home Haider's corner after 63 minutes.

There was little respite for Wanderers' overworked defence, with Hendon sensing that they had their opponents on the run. From Clements' cross, in the 68th minute, Drabwell dived to head Hendon's fifth, with Maskell being able only to help the ball in.

Gale completed Wanderers' afternoon of misery when he upended Drabwell, five minutes from the end, and Hogwood made no mistake from the spot.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; I. Rundle, C. Gale; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, K. Samuels; L. Worley, L. Merrick, V. Busby, A. Horseman, S. Holmes.

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS crashed to their heaviest Isthmian League defeat of the season as rampaging Hendon, controlling the ball brilliantly in the gusty conditions, kept up a relentless pressure.

A promised second-half revival by Wycombe faded after a leg injury to international Tony Hoseman who carried on after touchline treatment.

Peter Drabwell and Tony Harding scored in the first half for Hendon, and in the second half, corners by Rod Haider provided two openings which were gloriously taken by Roy Sleap. John Ashworth scored a header and right back David Hogwood completed the scoring with a penalty.